Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, On January 22, 2011, a group of very committed bicyclists will come together in Pierre and Fort Pierre, South Dakota, to host a day-long bicycle summit—the second for South Dakota—bringing together citizens, government, and community leaders interested in making the state of South Dakota and each of its communities more bike friendly; and,

Whereas, This group of dedicated road, bike path, pedal commuters, and mountain bike cyclists will feature discussions on bike facilities, safety, education, health and wellness, family recreation, bicycle tourism, and local bike culture; and,

Whereas, Bicycling is great for our health, is fun for the entire family, is an economic development tool, and is a viable form of transportation; and,

Whereas, Improving opportunities for cycling creates so many opportunities for our state and its citizens; and,

Whereas, People who exercise regularly are healthier citizens and have a reduced risk of developing life-threatening illnesses like diabetes, heart disease, and obesity; and,

Whereas, If more safe places to ride are created, the future would bring fewer trips by cars with decreased emissions and less congestion; therefore, maintaining a healthier environment to keep South Dakota air and skies bright and open; and,

Whereas, Bicyclists are an integral part of our state's transportation system and we all need to work together to develop a better, more balanced transportation system that provides facilities and programs for bicyclists on a routine basis; and,

Whereas, In planning, designing, and operating our state's and cities' transportation systems and their related programs, the needs of all users, to include bicyclists, should be considered; and,

Whereas, This South Dakota Bicycle Coalition Summit is one step in a long journey to create a state where: residents can travel safely to work, parks, schools, neighborhoods, shopping areas, and community services on dedicated routes and pathways; be less dependent on the automobile; live healthier lifestyles; and bicycle tourism can flourish for both residents and visitors throughout the state:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim January 22, 2011, as

SOUTH DAKOTA BICYCLE SUMMIT DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twelfth Day of January in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eleven.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Jason Gant

Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State